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Increasing Sentiment Against Extortionate Telephone Charges.

DISTRICT DRUGGISTS TAKE ACTION

Speaker Reed Will Appoint a Strong Investigating Committee.

BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING

Mr. William W. Danenhower, proprietor of the Hotel Fredonia, has invited fifty representative business men of Washington o meet at the Fredonia tonight for the purpose of considering the relations exist ing between the commercial world of the District and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The meeting will doubtless be well attended, as there is very deep interest in the matters to be considered, and it is expected that there will be an interchange of views upon the best manner of proceeding toward an amelioration of the onerous policy which the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is now

pursuing toward its patrons. It is also probable that arrangement. will be made for a mass meeting of telephone subscribers to be held at an early date. There is considerable inclination nanifested among the telephone patrons who believe they are being imposed on by the company to make a test case and carry the matter up to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Cox's recent decision in the Hotel Fredonia case was not satisfactory to the great majority of telephone patrons, although no criticism of the legal prepriety of it is indulged in. It is believ-ed, however, that another case may be brought in which the discrimination the by the Chesapeake and Potomac Tele phone Company in the treatment of its patrons may be brought out and an equitable policy be ordered by the courts.

A Case in Point. One case of alleged discrimination in the charge for the service of a public telephone in a drug store is being extensively quoted. There is a public telephone in Beall's drug store, at the southeast corner of Connecti cut avenue and Q street. It is not a slot machine, but any one may use it upon the payment of 5 cents to the proprietor or one of his clerks. At all other drug stores, so it is claimed, the charge for a message over telephone is 10 cents

Cheap Telephones in the Country. The question of the cost of installing and perating a telephone exchange has been a very much vexed one, and the general impression seems to be that the claims of the officials of city telephone companies have been very much exaggerated. This seems to be substantiated by the statement of a correspondent from Barnesville, Md., tell-ing of the actual cost of telephone lines in the country surrounding Washington local companies at Boyd's and Galthers-burg, in Montgomery county, Md., he says, furnish an excellent service to their pat-rons, the majority of whom live at a dis-tance of five, ten and twenty miles from the exchange; yet their charges have been only \$6, \$10 and \$15 a year. Each 'phone placed at such annual rental connects the subscriber with a dozen towns ten or twen-ty miles distant, and an efficient exchange s maintained from early morning till late at night.

Pharmacists Take Decisive Action. A largely attended meeting of the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Association was held this morning at the National College of Pharmacy, 808 I street northwest. President Robert M. Harper occupled the chair. The subject of the relations between druggists and the telephone company was discussed with much animation, after which resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring that the members of the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Association unarimously agreed not to sign any of the contracts that have been sub-mitted by the Chesapeake and Potomac

Telephone Company.

It was further resolved that the members vould agree to continue with their present would agree to continue with their present contracts, and to unanimously indorse the amendment to the District of Columbia ap-prepriation bill regulating the telephone rates in the District of Columbia.

A Bill for a New Company.

In the Senate today Mr. Cullom introduced a bill introduced in the House on the 7th instant by Mr. Jenkins to authorize the Automatic Telephone Exchange Company to construct, operate and maintain a telephone exchange in the District of Co-lumbia. The bill was referred to the committee on the District of Columbia

A Strong Committee to Be Named. Speaker Reed has not yet appointed the special committee to investigate the gas and telephone companies. He is discussing the probable personnel of the committee with memoers of the House with a view to selecting a strong committee.

The Speaker realizes, it is said, that there is universal demand among the people of this city for amelioration of the condi-tions imposed upon them by the telephone company and he has listened to the arguments advanced by members of the House that a thorough investigation of telephone rates would be the first step in the direc-

tion of reduction of rates.

It has been suggested to the Speaker that some members of the House committee on appropriations should be placed on the inappropriations should be placed on the investigating committee, as the appropriations committee is called upon to deal with the subjects of telephone and gas rates. The information obtained through the investigation would be of benefit to the committee on appropriations in support of the pending amendment to the District apprepriation bill reducing the rates for telephones.

LORD SALISBURY'S NARROW ESCAPE

His Brougham Caught Between Gates and Cut in Two.

LONDON, February 16.-The Marquis of Salisbury and his second son, the Rev. Lord William Gascoyne-Cecil, who is rector of Bishop's Hatfield, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury yesterday evening as they were entering the gates of

A gust of wind swung the heavy gate against the brougham in which they were riding, cutting the vehicle in two between the wheels. The horses proceeded with the front part of the brougham, leaving the uis of Salisbury and his son entangled be remaining debris. They were only

TUG BOAT FRANKIE LOST.

Five Men Supposed to Have Been Drowned Aboard.

NEW YORK, February 16 .- A tugboat, said to be the Frankie, today capsized and sank in the lower bay. It is said that at least five men were lost. The ferry boat Castleton of the Staten Is-

land line was on her way to New York when the tugboat was heard whistling for help. The ferry boat went to its aid, but the tug sank quickly. The number of the men on the tug was not definitely known. Two were saved, and it is said that at least five were lost.

DEATH OF CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

Miss Isabella Franklin Jones Refuses Aid of Physician. KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 16 .- Miss Isabella Franklin Jones, one of the leading Christian Scientists of the United States, who came to this city two months ago from Chicago, is dead, of pneumonia, complicated chicago, is dead, of pneumonia, complicated with measles. She did not have a physician during her illness, and when the case was reported to Coroner Bedford he determined to make an investigation. Miss Jones was forty-five years of age.

Prince Henry Sails From Colombo. COLOMBO, Ceylon, February 16,-Prince Henry of Prussia and the German vessels under his command sailed from here yes-terday, on their way to China.

Proceedings in Trial of Edward Smith, Charged With Murder.

The Evidence of Witnesses Proves Previous Threats and Confession Subsequent to the Crime

The trial of Edward Smith, colored, for the murder of Edmonia Jackson, the 15th of last November, was continued today be fore Judge Bradley in Criminal Court No. 2. James C. Jackson, husband of the murdered woman, was called by the government to testify that he had been lawfully married to Edmonia. Thomas Wilson, John Neison, Charles Edwards, John Brookings, Caleb Adams, all colored, took the stand to testify to threats to kill Edmonia uttered by Smith. They were fellow-prisoners of Smith at the jail last fall.

The testimony of Nelson was substantially the same as recited in The Star Monday. Edwards stated in effect that one day when Edmonia Jackson called at the jail the witness: "There's the woman I'm in here for." The day Smith was released from jail, after serving the Police Court sentence, witness bade him good bye, and suggested that he be careful of his ac-tions, so that he would not be returned to

the jail.

"Oh, I'll be back in a few days," was the reply of Smith, "for I'm going to fix that —," meaning, is the opinion of the witness, Edmonia Jackson.

A few days thereafter, true to his word, Smith was brought back to the jail. Witness said to him: "You've got yourself in a nice fix; what did you kill that woman for?" for?"
"Because she bothered me," Smith made reply. "Oh, I don't care. I ain't got but one time to die, and I wish they would hang me."

The Detective's Story.

Detective Thomas P. Hartigan of the sixth precinct related a conversation had with Smith at the station house the afternoon of Friday, November 19-the day the body of Edmenia Jackson was found. The witness asked Smith where he had slept Monday night, November 15. The prisoner replied that he did not remember. Tuesday night, he said, he stayed at a house down town. Wednesday night he returned to the house in Madison alley about 12 o'clock. He was grunk and fell to the floor, going to sleep immediately. He laft the house to sleep immediately. He left the house about 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning. Thursday night, Smith said, he slept in

the kitchen of some house in the alley, he couldn't remember which one.
"You killed that woman," the detective "You killed that woman," the detective said to the prisoner.
"No, I didn't," the prisoner responded; "she killed herself."
"How do you know she killed herself?"

The do you know she killed herself?" the detective wanted to know.

Smith refused to answer the question.

The prisoner, the following day, was taken to view the body in the morgue. Although it was very cold in the building, perspiration gathered on the forehead of Smith, it was said, as large as peas, while he grand at the remains. he gazed at the remains.

According to the detective, Smith made many contradictory statements to him.

A COINCIDENCE.

Claim for Damages Caused by the Maine's Collision Reported.

Coincident with the destruction of the Maine and recalling an accident that created considerable interest at the time, the House committee on claims today directed a favorable report on a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad \$4,440 for damages by the Maine's collision with the company's property July 29 last. Other vessels in the river compelled Capt. Sigsbee of the Mainc either to run into the company's pier, 46 East river, and car float 21, or risk sinking the excursion steamer Isabella and en-dangering the passengers crowding her decks. The department congratulated the commander of the Maine for prompt action in this emergency.

Prospect Good for Electric Cars

President Dunlop of the Capital Traction Railway Company is of the opinion today that it will be possible to begin running the cars by electricity the entire length of the 14th street line by Sunday morning. The only thing now in the way is the non-arrival of certain sections of copper wire from the manufacturers which are needed to complete the connection with the Potomac power house in Georgetown. It is believed, however, after long distance telephone conversations between the office of the railway company and the manufacturers, that the wire will get here and be put in place so that the operation of the 1sth street line from the Treasury Department to the northern terminus on 14th street extended can be begun at the time

above stated. It was believed last week that this result would be reached by the middle of the present week. It is stated on the part of the company that every effort was made to accomplish it, but, owing to various circumstances, it was found impossible to finish the work. People living along 14th street will be delighted to hear that the company is still promising and they will be still more delighted when the cars are actually running by electricity the entire length of 14th street.

SLIGHT FIRES TODAY.

Aged Woman Seriously Burned and a Policeman Injured.

Truck D Company of the fire department was called, about 11 o'clock today, on a local alarm to house No. 128 L street northwest. There was not much damage done to the house, but Susan Hall, colored, who is more than eighty years old, was painfully burned about her arms and body. Mrs. Hall lives in the house with her son, Joseph Dickson, and this morning, after she filled the stove with coal and turned to

walk away, her dress caught fire. Her outcry brought neighbors to her assistance, and the firemen were soon at the house.

A physician was called to attend the in-

about 11:20 o'clock, for fire in the house of Levi Allen, No. 624 North Capitol street. The flames had gained considerable head-way by the time the firemen reached the It is thought that the damage amounted to about \$50.

About 12:30 o'clock No. 7 engine company

was called to the house of Mrs. Carroll, No. 1916 10th street. The fire was the result of a supposed defective flue. But little damage resulted. Policeman Barbee, while acting in the capacity of fireman, was struck by a brick, which fell from the chimney. His injury was dressed by the physicians at Freedmen's Hospital.

Files a Protest.

At the meeting last evening of the local Federation of Labor resolutions were adopted stating that the present force of plasterers employed on the new Jewish Temple do not belong to the Knights of Labor, and protesting against their being continued at work there.

Loweree-Brehme Nuptials.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., February 16 .- The marriage of Miss Eleanor Lucille Loweree, daughter of Assistant Secretary of State Loweree, to Mr. Thomas Hall Brehme of Laurel, Prince George's county, occurred at 11 o'clock this morning in St. Ann's Church. The Rev. Mr. Register of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y., officiated.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stemach receives it without distress, and but few can t.ll it from coffee. It does not cost over 4, as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it.

Ask for GRAIN-O. 1818-6m-2 A law which will draw the line between honest and dishonest debtors, and grant fixed to his home for a couple of days with a heavy cold, occupied the bench to-

The Kansas Pacific Sale Brought Up in the Senate.

MR. TURPIE'S RESOLUTION

Sharp Colloquy Between Senators Allen and Spooner.

BANKRUPTCY IN THE HOUSE

In the absence of the Vice President to day Senator Frye, the president pro tempore, occupied the chair at the opening of the Senate.

Mr. Davis, from the foreign relations committee, offered and secured the adoption of a resolution, requesting the Presi dent, if not incompatible with the public interest, to send to the Senate the papers and correspondence with the Haytian government, relating to the claim of Hugo O.

The Military Academy appropriation bill was reported from the committee on appropriations and placed on the calendar. Mr. Perkins (Cal.) secured the adoption of a resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, what was the opinion and decision of the arbitrator in the claim of Charles Oberlander and Bar-bara M. Messenger against the govern-ment of Mexico.

Mr. Bacon (Ga.) offered a resolution di-recting the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the Senate information concerning the coinage of standard silver dollars, seig-niorage and profits. The resolution was The Kansas Pacific Road.

The resolution of Mr. Turple of Indiana, offered yesterday declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the sale of the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific railroad ought not to be confirmed unless the principal and interest of the claim due was paid by the reorganization committee was called up by Mr. Turpie, who asked for its adoption.

Mr. Gear (Iowa), chairman of the Pacific

railroad committee, said he hoped the res-olution would not pass, as the Senate had no information concerning the sale. He believed that the road was worth no more than the principal of the government's

Mr. Hale moved that the resolution be referred to the Pacific railroad committee. Mr. Allen (Neb.) objected to such reference. He desired the Senate, he said, to take such action as would save the govern-ment the \$6,700,000 interest which would be lost if the sale were confirmed.

'How do you propose to prevent the loss?" inquired Mr. Spooner (Wis.).

"By redeening the first mortgage bonds," replied Mr. Allen.
"Then," persisted Mr. Spooner, "you would, by redeeming the first mortgage bonds, add about \$7,000,000 to the government's claim, making about \$20,000,000 in

"That is precisely what I would do," re-"That is precisely what I would do," replied Mr. Allen.
"After you did that," asked Mr. Spooner,
"how would you hold the road?"
"I would hold it by placing it in the hands
of a receiver." said Mr. Allen. "That would
be proper and legal."
"Do you think," inquired Mr. Spooner,
"that any court in the land would permit
you to hold that road and, as you surgest.

you to hold that road and, as you suggest o operate it for an indefinite period under Without action on the Turple resolution, the Senate at 1:30 went into executive ses-

THE HOUSE.

The House today entered upon the con sideration of the bankruptcy bill, which was reported by the judiciary committee as a substitute for the Nelson bill passed by the Senate at the extra session. Under the order made the debate upon the measure is to continue until 4 o'clock on Friday, when the vote shall be taken. Mr. Henderson (Iowa), chairman of the judiciary committee, took the floor immediately after the reading of the journal and opened the debate. His remarks were carefully prepared and much of his time was devoted to detailed explanations of the provisions of the

Mr. Henderson's Speech.

Representative D. B. Henderson of Iowa, chairman of the committe on the judiciary, opened the debate in the House of Repre sentatives today in behalf of the bankrupt cy bill reported by his committee, providing for both voluntary and involuntary bank ruptcy. He traced the subject historically, referred to the provisions of the federal Constitution conferring upon Congress the power to pass such a law, briefly stated the principles of the subject and tersely set out in detail the provisions of the bill favorably reported. He spoke of the necessity for he enactment of the bill and the demand for it which had been made upon Congress by the people, and anticipated with confi-dence that its enactment would be followed by beneficial results to millions of individ-uals and to all commercial, industrial and professional transactions. He was particularly forceful in his denun-

ciation of an attempt which he said is be-ing made in the interest of selfishness to wrongfully create a feeling of sectionalism among the people upon this subject. Confidence, he said, was essential to the credit system; that confidence would be greatly strengthened and credit extended in con-sequence of the passage of the pending bill, which would supersede the adverse state insolvency laws. He pointed out the fact that his committee is dominated by western and southwestern men, and that it is over whelmingly in favor of the bill reported. In his opinion the debtor classes of the country would be benefited by untold milions of dollars as the result of the passag

of the law. Gen. Henderson spoke of proceedings in bankruptcy as plain, simple and inexpansive. He gave in detail the steps to be taken by a voluntary bankrupt, who desired to secure the benefits of the bill; also sired to secure the benefits of the bill; also the proceedings which would be taken in an involuntary case of bankruptcy, and within what time the answer would be filed and where the trial would be had. He pointed out that after the adjudication in voluntary bankruptcy, and in involuntary bankruptcy, and in involuntary bankruptcy, the rights of each of such bankrupts and the privileges of their creditors would be identical. He stated that the United States district court would be original courts of bankruptcy; that state courts would retain jurisdiction of litigation, the reason therefor being that great hardships would follow if all of the litigation incident to closing bankrupt estates tion incident to closing bankrupt estates was transferred to the United States courts, as was the case under the last bankruptcy law. He pointed out the fact that the major part of the bankruptcy business will be conducted before referees; a large number of them will be appointed, so that there will be at least one in every county. county.

Samming Up. In summing up Gen. Henderson said: "In

general terms it may be said that under the provisions of this bill the honest bankrupt will be treated with consideration, and within a reasonable time be discharged. That the dishonest bankrupt will be explicitly charged with his wrong doing, deliberately tried and immediately punished. That the estate will be as quickly reduced to cash as possible, and distributed to the craditors. That creditors will have an opportunity at each stage of the proceedings to be heard in favor of, or in opposition to any proposed proceeding. That the claims of creditors will be carefully scrutinized and such as are just will be promptly allowed at trivial expense, and such as are unjust will be rejected. The inexpensive arbitrations and compromises will be substituted for expensive litigation. And, all in all, that the misfortunes of men, as relating to bankruptcy, will be assuaged as far as possible."

The speaker stated emphatically that the bill favorably reported by the committee would, if finally passed, constitute:

A law which will enable judges to be just and juries to be merciful. ed. That the estate will be as quickly re-

to the former an honorable discharge and to the latter a term in the penitentiary. A law under which every debtor will se-cure not a cent more, nor a cent less, than is due him.

A law which will so protect the honest debtor that he cannot be coerced into giv-ing preferences or paying unjust claims by threats of attachments.

A law which will enable every honest debtor to have, at all times, the assistance and advice of all of his creditors, without

the fear that on an attempt to take advantage of each other, they will wreck him vantage of each other, they will wreck him financially.

A law which will enable debtors to be honest and creditors to be humane.

A law which will redound to the best in-

terests of the whole people.

Mr. Underwood (Ala.), a member of the committee, opened for the opposition to the bill. He was in favor of an equitable bankrupt law, he said, but he was opposed to the pending measure. His condemnation of the involuntary features was severe. He said some of the causes for throwing a man into bankruptcy were unduly harsh.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE EXTENSION. Damages Awarded to Some of the Property Owners.

The marshal's jury of twelve members, in the matter of the extension of Connecticut avenue between Florida avenue and Waterside Drive, this afternoon submitted its findings to the court. The jury assessed damages to owners as follows: Walden Meyer, lots 55 and 56, \$13,315.04; J. Donald Cameron, lot 5, \$2,423; J. Donald Cameron, lot 39, \$1,350; J. Donald Cameron, lot 37, \$184.50; J. Donald Cameron, lot 41, \$451.62; Anthony J. Drexel, lot 4, \$2,126; Anthony J. Drexel, lot 3, \$828; Anthony J. Drexel, lot 38, \$1,115,60; Herman Gasch, lot 7, \$400, The proceedings upon which the foregoing findings were based was the second hearing of the matter. The verdict of the jury of seven men which sat during the original proceedings was objected to by the proper ty owners, and in consequence the second hearing was ordered before a jury of twelve, which consisted of A. D. Hazen, foreman; Henry F. Blount, J. Maury Dove, John C. Poore, E. Southard Parker, C. C. Bryan, Nicholas H. Shea, Robert B. Ten-ney, Christian Heurich, Montgomery Blair, J. J. Hogan and George Gibson.

TORNADO AT CUMBERLAND. Car Roofs Blow Away-Brakemen's

Lives Endangered. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., February 16 .- A terrific wind prevailed here. Car roofs are being blown off and brakemen are compelled to get down between the cars to

prevent their being thrown off. Last night a train broke in two on the mountain, and it took nearly two hours to get it together. The snow was blind-ing and trainmen were almost thrown ing and trainm from their feet. The inclosure of the tri-state race track has been demolished.

U. S. TROOPS START TO ALASKA. Two Companies of 14th Infantry

Leave Vancouver Barracks. PORTLAND, Ore., February 16 .- Companies G and H, 14th Infantry, numbering 125 officers and men, have left Vancouver barracks en route to Skaguay via Tacoma This is the first detachment to go north for the purpose of maintaining law and order at the head of Lynn canal. The other two companies will leave on the 24th.

STEAMER ERICSSON SINKS.

Sixty Passengers Taken Off En Route to Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, February 16. - The passenger and freight steamboat Ericsson

which plies between this port and Baltimore, sank in the Delaware river off Wilmington about 6:30 this morning. Sixty passengers were taken off and are now on their way to this city. The Erics-son left Baltimore at 5 o'clock yesteray af-ternoon. She lies easy in ten feet of water.

KANSAS PACIFIC SOLD.

Alvin W. Krech, Representing Reorganization Committee, Purchaser. TOPEKA, Kan., February 16.-The government lien on the Union Pacific case was wiped out today at the Union Pacific station in this city. The Kansas Pacific road was bought in by Alvin W. Krech, representing the reorganization committee, for \$6,303,000. There was no competition at the sale. Mr. Krech was the only bidder.

Corn Convention at Chicago CHICAGO, February 16.-The first corn convention ever held in the United States began today at the Great Northern Hotel. About 150 delegates are present and more are expected. Nearly all the middle western states are represented, as well as a few of the far western commonwealths. Arrangements have been made for giving a practical demonstration of the value of corn as food, a kitchen having been opened where bread, crackers and a number of table delicacies are to be had for the ask-

Ex-President Harrison Talks. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 16 .-When ex-President Benjamin Harrison was asked by the Associated Press for a statement regarding the destruction of the United States battle ship Maine he said:

"The occurrence is a most terrible and shocking one. It is to be hoped that an investigation may leave no doubt that it was an accident. If there should be any

room for suspecting foul play, it would be very unfortunate." Convicted of Larceny. Henry Henson, colored, was convicted to-

fense petit larceny. He was remanded to Cost Her Five Dollars. Lucy Lewis today paid \$5 by direction of Judge Scott for pulling a handful of hair out of the head of Mary Rice, her sister-

day in Criminal Court No. 1 of second of-

in-law. Both parties are colored. For the Theft of Ment. Susie Hight, colored, was today fined \$3 by Judge Scott for the larceny of a piece

of meat valued at 60 cents from Morris

Schoepless. At the request of Lawyer Chase, Judge Scott allowed the woman to go upon the payment of \$2, with the understanding that she will pay the balance Saturday. Mrs. Davidson's Will. The will of the late Ann Eliza Davidson,

dated January 5, 1897, was this afternoon

filed for probate. The entire estate of the deceased is bequeathed to near relatives. H. Bradley Davidson is named as executor. Nolle Pros. Entered. On motion of the district attorney, a charge of false pretenses against Frank O. Mathews, alias Doctor Mathews, was today nolle prossed in Criminal Court No. 1.

A Mother Pleads for Her Boy. A small colored boy named George Mc-Pherson, who has been in trouble several times, was a prisoner in the Police Court today, charged with vagrancy, and it was alleged he had been found behind the counter in Mrs. Shapiro's store. Two witnesses told of the boy's conduct in the store, and he made a denial. His mother, who was in court, pleaded for his release, although she admitted he had given her trouble before.

"This is the third time he has been arrested" she said. "but please be easy on

rested," she said, "but please be easy on him."
"It's about time for him to go to the reform school," the judge told her.
"Please don't send him there," the
mother pleaded. "Send him to jail if you
send him anywhere, and then he will not

send him anywrere, and then he will not be gone so long."

"The best thing for the boy is to send him to the reform school," the judge told her. "That will make a man of him."

A sentence of sixty days on the farm was finally imposed.

Again on the Bench.

Judge Scott of the United States branch

of the Police Court, who had been con-

The remodeled King's Palace will be a department store, second to none in the city.

A Last Desperate Cutting of Prices.

We are experiencing what it means to be in the hands of builders, but we are still maling desperate attempts to get rid of our stock before it is spoilt. We are almost giving the goods away. Any \$4.00 and \$5.00 Jackets at \$1.38.

Take your choice of any Jacket in the house that sold for \$4 and \$5 and pay \$1.38. A great lot of them, in the latest styles and effects. Kerseys, Beavers and Boucle Cloth Jackets—nicely lined.

Any \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9 and \$10 Jackets at \$2.48. A great aggregation of All-silk-lined garments, in both plain and rough cloths, including the stylish Russian Blouses. Every fashion able color-Cadets, Reds. Blues, Greens, Blacks-strap scams-perfect \$2.48

Any Jacket in the House, \$3.98. Seal Plush Wraps Worth From \$20.00 to \$50.00.

\$10.00 Silk Skirts, \$4.88.

Elegant quality Faille Silk, with large figures-very rich and pretty patterns-nade and tailored in the latest styles. Percaline lined-velyet bound.....

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Cloth Capes, hardsomely trimmed with fur and braid. Worth \$1.23

Astrakhan Cloth Capes, splendidly made. Worth \$6.00, \$7.00 \$2.48

Farmers' Alliance Opened Its Session Yesterday Afternoon.

The National Council of the Farmers' Alliance opened yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Vendome, with an address by President Mann Page of Virginia. Pitt Rabiely of Minnesota delivered a lengthy address, dealing with the duty of farmers in politics. Mr. Hahilly suggested that certain legislation affecting the interests of the farmer should be had.

An interesting part of the address was that which declared that the farmer held practically none of the offices in Minnesota. It was a degrading condition for the greatest agricultural state in the world. He suggested that the farmers demand representation in all the offices in propor-tion to the strength of the agricultural lasses.

Three other subjects demanding legislation are, he says, the enforcement of the laws relating to common carriers, similar laws with relation to the common carriers of foreign products, and the banding to-gether of the forces of political life against my change in the laws relating to these common carriers. In conclusion, he coun-seled the members of the alliance never to cast a vote for any man who had ever used his influence against the interests of the farmers.

They will be in session several days.

Thornton Pleads Guilty. Charles Thornton today pleaded guilty before Judge Scott of promoting policy and was sent to jail for sixty days and fined \$10. In default of payment Thorn-

BOLDLY CHARGES TREACHERY. J. E. Montgomery Points Out Cartons

Coincidences. CHICAGO, February 16 .- Commodore J.

E. Montgomery, once of the United States havy, commanding officer of the confederate fleet during the civil war and the man who raised the frigate, afterward the ram, Merrimac, was very emphatic today in declaring the sinking of the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor the result of treachery, and an act without parallel in the world's history. In his opinion, war must inevitably follow.

"When the divers go down and examine the hull of the vessel," said Commodore Montgomery, "it will be found that it was stove in by a torpedo exploded under the bow, with diabolical intent. To be sure, an accident may occur on shipboard-a magazine or a boiler may explode. But consider all the circumstances, and you will not entertain the theory of an accident.

"In the history of our navy there never has been such an accident. Why should the first one occur in so perfectly equipped a vessel as the Maine and under so capable a commanding officer as Sigsbee? Why a commanding officer as Sigsbee? Why should it occur in Havana harbor, where the vessel was at the mercy of an enemy, capable of treachery, as we know the Spaniard is and has been as long as he has figured in history. Why should it follow so closely the recent exposure of the Spanish minister to the United States as a despicable time-server, who wore an affable comeanor in Washington, while giving vent to his hatred of our chief executive and cur people in private letters to compa-triots? The combination of facts is too ton will have to serve for thirty days adstrong to leave a doubt. I miss my guess if retribution will not be swift."

OME OWNDOW COM We point the way



to the greatest offering of values that has been made since the semi-annual inventory sale last 14 111 1100 summer. The greatest-because in the earnestness of our efforts to have as little stock as possible

on hand to be counted next Monday-we are sacrificing goods that do not deserve to be reduced a farthing-and wouldn't be under any other circumstances.

Men's Overcoats.



buying possibilities here. The span of value from \$10 to \$20 is divided into two lotsand you can count your savings by dollars.

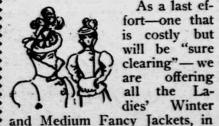
In lot one— Blue and Black Kersey Overcoats, cut the fashionable length, lined with wool or Italian cloth, and made in our own work rooms. They are guaranteed garments, and have sold up to \$10. Choice.....

In lot two-Blue and Black Kersey, Melton, English Covert Cloths and Irish Frieze Single and Double-breasted Overcoats; the products of our own tailoring skill; full back, medium length; lap seams, through with silk, or with worsted body and silk yoke. Most of them are regular \$20 Coats.

Choice.

It may be you'll want an Ulster -some "interesting" prices being quoted on them, too.

Ladies' Jackets.



and Medium Fancy Jackets, in four lots-values varying from \$7.50 to \$35. We don't pretend ONE thing and DO another-

but when we say we close out each season's stock in that season WE MAKE IT A POINT TO DO IT. Therefore these monstrous reductions. All the Jackets that have \$2.50 been \$7.50 and \$9.75-NOW..

All the Jackets that have been \$18 to \$20 inclusive—NOW

All the Jackets that have been \$10

Fair assortment of sizes. Boys' Warm Coats.



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These are all

Lot of Boys' Ulsters of dark Brown Cheviot, cut long, made with large storm collars and lined with wool. Fit ages 4 to 14 years. Everybody has thought them excellent value at \$2.50. \$1.50

Lot of Boys' Frieze Ulsters, cut with storm collars, ulster pockets warm wool lining. Ought not be besitation over buying \$3.50 values

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